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Recruitment efforts closely monitored

University officials look to consulting firm for enrollment increases

JENNIFER WIG
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Two hundred twenty-nine more students may go unnoticed in lecture halls, the Student Center and bars, but the Student Affairs department is keeping a close watch.

Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, said this year's enrollment increase seems small considering there are more than 22,000 students attending SIUC, but because each student pays \$3,600 in fees, the money adds up.

"It's significant for us because of the budget," Dietz said. "Had we been down, that would've been \$720,000 out of our budget. Eighty percent of our budget is people. It's a real practical issue."

Dietz attributed the raise to recent recruitment initiatives, but explained that efforts by the Noel-Levitz firm have not taken effect yet.

"It's a reflection of extra effort," he said. "Have we achieved our goal in that area? No. We're headed in the right direction."

Noel-Levitz, a consulting firm, was hired in May to examine the University's weak points and create plans for recruitment and retention. Its contract ends in November. The firm's officials will perform two more campus visits before that time.

Dietz and interim Chancellor John Jackson expect to see significant results in the 2001 enrollment numbers. Dietz said he would eventually like to see campus numbers increase to 25,000. He would like to see both retention and overall enrollment increase one percent each year.

Meanwhile, Student Affairs has attempted to improve recruitment by including the increase of learning communities such as Saluki Block Advantage, which allows students of the same major to live in the same areas or on the same floor of a building.

Student Affairs is also examining the top-25 "killer courses," which have the highest rate of Ds and Fs and withdrawals. Dietz explained that if a student is discouraged with one class, it can affect his/her outlook on the institution. To prevent this problem, more teaching assistants will be added, especially within the math department.

Student Affairs has reconfigured some old positions to create a more efficient group of eight

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Faculty Senate battles pay policy

Senate questions protocol for faculty returning from administrative roles

CHRISTIAN HALE
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A recommendation on behalf of the Faculty Senate is designed to keep faculty from picking up the tab for other faculty members' returning from administrative positions.

The Faculty Senate passed a resolution Tuesday arguing with the fact that "no apparent guidelines exist with regard to budgetary considerations," said Bruce Devantier, a professor of civil engineering and chair of the senate budget committee.

If a faculty member making around \$60,000 as faculty moves to an administration position and returns to a faculty position, his or her salary could be in six-figures, according to Mary Lamb, professor of English and

faculty senator.

"This could cause continual loss for the faculty line to pick up the salaries of former administrators moving back to faculty," Lamb said.

Although the employee handbook addresses these concerns, the emphasis is upon the individual employee and his or her rights, according to Devantier.

"What we are requesting in the resolution is that the administration develop a policy that would allow both administrators and personnel to have a better idea of what to expect when [issues] from these moves arise," Devantier said.

The intention of the resolution is to not restrict what the policy should be with regard to salaries or budget line items.

Richard Rivers, vice president of the Faculty Senate, expressed concern for the effect this policy could have on departments.

Rivers, also an associate dean for the College of Business, cited as an example a department that lost a particular specialist after

he or she moved to the administration. He further theorized that there would be no money to hire another specialist because the money would go to the administrative position, a view disputed by the administration.

"Money doesn't usually go to the administration," said John Jackson, SIUC interim chancellor, replying to Rivers' questions. "The administration usually has the position and it is funded temporarily by the administration."

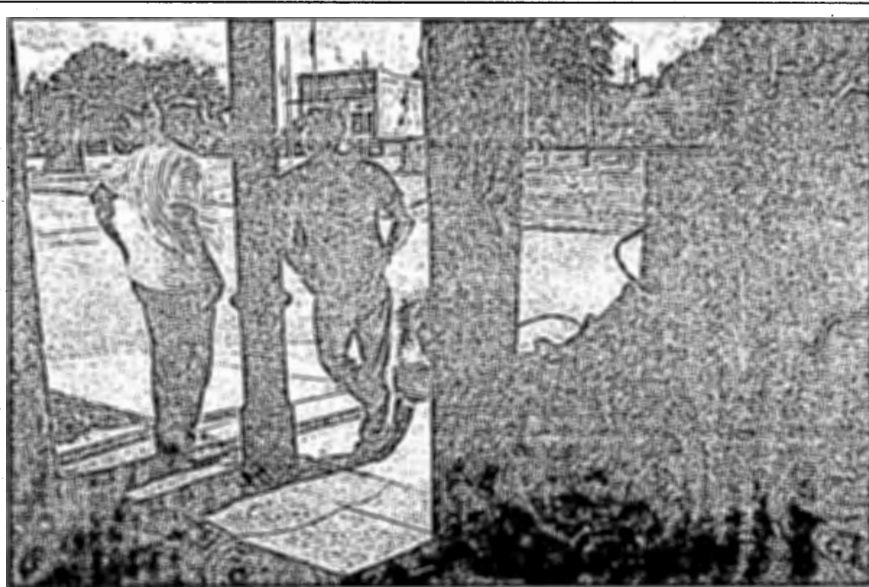
Jackson said the money stays at the faculty level and the dean and the chair decide what to do with that money.

"I wouldn't say it's never happened, but ordinarily it doesn't happen the way [Rivers] described," Jackson said.

Lamb said one of the concerns of the committee was salary.

"When an administrator moves to a faculty position, it is often at much higher salary than faculty; in rank and discipline, receives," said Lamb.

She said the question then becomes a matter of who will pick up the cost.



TED SCHURTER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

KILLIN' TIME: Paul Etherton, left, and Donald Myers chat while waiting outside a store in Alto Pass Tuesday afternoon. The two men were waiting for the school bus to arrive and drop off family members.

Campus skateboard enthusiasts roll toward their goal

CODZLL RODRIGUEZ
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Craig Johlf's has about four weeks left of dodging campus police until he can finally skateboard legally.

Johlf's, a junior from Macomb, is eagerly awaiting construction of a skateboard park behind the Lesar Law Building. The park, constructed by the Recreation Center, is expected to be completed within four to six weeks.

So far, the courts were covered with a synthetic material, called Street Ice, made specifically for skateboards and roller blades. The material is a paint and sand mixture which provides a smoother, harder surface for skating. This same material was used to resurface the tennis courts and the roller hockey rink on Wall Street. "The surface is excellent," said Johlf's,

Construction of skateboarding park nears completion, rails and pipes to be added soon

founder of the Division of Skateboard Enthusiasts, a Registered Student Organization. "It's perfect for skateboarding."

While the courts are now bare, rails and half pipes will be added to provide skaters with more of a challenge. There will be a total of seven ramps and two rails in the park.

"It's going to provide a lot of skateboard enthusiasts on campus a good facility and some opportunities," said Bill McMinn, director of the Recreation Center.

Brian Lukes, assistant director in charge of facilities at the Recreation Center, works with the Physical Plant and the skateboarding students who are interested in the park. Lukes lis-

tens to students' opinions and asks them to provide input on the park's layout.

Lukes and students in the skateboarding club are currently working on the park's blueprints and are trying to figure out where to place the different ramps, rails and other challenges.

But while the creation of a legal place to skateboard on campus is welcomed by many, some skaters still have a few problems. Johlf's originally wanted a 12,000 square-foot area. However, McMinn said the park will be limited to 6,000 square feet. It will also share space with the basketball and volleyball courts.

Johlf's was pleased to get the park, yet he remains disappointed that it will be shared with

the other courts. When not using the area, the skaters will have to move the ramps to the side so people can play basketball and volleyball.

And although the park is not exactly what he wanted, Johlf's said it will be a relief to finally have a place where he and others can skate without worrying about being kicked out by campus police.

According to the SIUC parking rules and regulations, it is illegal to skateboard in areas that state "Walk Bikes." Faner Hall is a popular skateboarding location, though campus police have issued citations for illegally skateboarding there in the past.

For Johlf's, the new facility is still a blessing, even though it is not exactly what he envisioned.

"Even though the park isn't what I thought it would be, I think it's going to be a great opportunity," Johlf's said.

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TODAY

- Roller Hockey registration, today and Sept. 14, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Faner Breezeway, \$25 for admission.
- Library Affairs finding books using Ilnet Online, 10 to 11 a.m., Morris Library 103D, undergrad desk 453-2818.
- Library Affairs WebCT 2.0 Overview, 10 to 11 a.m., Morris Library 15, undergrad desk 453-2818.
- University Museum Art in the Garden "Loose Gravel" Boogie Woogie Blues, noon to 1 p.m., University Museum Sculpture Garden Faner Hall, William 453-5388.
- Christian Apologetics Club meeting to understand Christianity, every Wed., noon, Troy Room Student Center, Wayne 529-4043.
- Library Affairs digital imaging with PhotoShop, 1 to 3 p.m., Morris Library 103D, undergrad desk 453-2818.
- Alpha Kappa Psi informational meeting for business majors and minors, 4 p.m., Kaskaskia Room, Todd 351-1959.
- Public Relations Student Society of America meeting, every Wed., 4:30 p.m., Cambria Room Student Center, Tim 453-1898.
- Healing Towards Wholeness Support Group for women who have experienced sexual assault or abuse, every Wed., 4:30 to 6 p.m., 453-3655.
- Zoology Club meeting, 5 p.m., Life Science II Room 367, Suma 549-0239.
- College Republican meeting, 5:30 p.m., Mississippi Room Student Center, Beth 529-2674.
- Egyptian Dive Club meeting, every Wed., 6:30 p.m., Pulliam 021, Amy

549-0840.

- Pi Sigma Epsilon meeting, every Wed., 6:30 p.m., Library Room 327, Nicole 549-1509.
- SIU Triathlon Club meeting, 7 p.m., Alumni Lounge Recreation Center, Keith 453-7200.
- Chi Alpha Campus Ministries African-American bible study, every Wed., 7 p.m., Ohio Room Student Center, Kudzi 529-7088.
- Southern Illinois Regional Effort For AIDS is having an AIDS Walk organizing meeting, 7 p.m., Carbondale Newman Center, Sire 549-9941.
- Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority "RHOyal Tea" social meeting, 8 p.m., Student Center, Karen 529-8233.

UPCOMING

- Amnesty International letter writing event, Sept. 14, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Law School Lounge, Susan 549-3721.
- International Wives Friendship Group meeting with social and educational activities, Sept. 14, 1 to 3 p.m., University Baptist Church, Beth 453-5774.
- Department of Philosophy Colloquium is sponsoring a multimedia presentation by George Schedler on "Are Confederate Monuments Racist?", Sept. 14, 4 p.m., Lawson 121, Chris 453-7432.
- Divorce/Relationship Ending Support Group screening for new members, every Thurs., 4:30 to 6 p.m., 453-3655.
- Student Programming Council homecoming meeting, every Thurs., 5 p.m., Student Center, 536-3393.
- University Christian Ministries listening circle, Sept. 14, 5 p.m., Interfaith Center, Hugh 549-7387.
- Blacks in Communication Alliance RSO members meeting, every Thurs., 7 p.m., Missouri Room Student Center, Erica 457-8197.
- Circle K International volunteer organization meeting, every Thurs., 7 p.m., Thebes Room Student Center, Tammi 529-8996.
- Sierra Club meeting with guest speaker Les Winkler who will speak on "Stewardship", Sept. 14, 7:30 p.m., Unitarian Fellowship.
- Sailing Club meeting, every Thurs., 8 p.m., Activity Room A Student Center, Kris 7900.
- Library Affairs PowerPoint, Sept. 15, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Morris Library 103D, undergrad desk 453-2818.
- Main Street Pigout needs volunteers, Sept. 15, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m., Sept. 16, noon to 11 p.m., Sept. 17, 9 a.m. to noon, Downtown Carbondale, 529-8040.
- International Coffee Hour informal socializing, Sept. 15, 3 to 4:30 p.m., Interfaith Center, Beth 453-5774.
- Spanish Table meeting, every Fri., 4 to 6 p.m., Cafe Melange.
- University Museum reception for Joel Feldman and Cheonae Kim, Sept. 15, 6 to 8 p.m., University Museum Faner Hall, Bob 453-5388.
- Southernmost Illinois Tourism Bureau Farmers Market, every Sat., 7 a.m. to noon, Vienna Community Park, 658-7304.
- Southern Illinois Stamp Club needs volunteers for exhibit, Sept. 16, 8 to 10 a.m., Sept. 17, 4 to 6 p.m., University Mall, Vera 453-1554.
- Southern Illinois Organ Alliance Psychic Fair, Sept. 16, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Douglass School Art Plaza, \$2 for admission, Tara 529-5029.
- Museum Student Group meeting, Sept. 16, 2 to 4 p.m., University Museum Archives, Jason 453-7318.
- ASAF is sponsoring a Japanese workshop, Sept. 16, 2 to 3:30 p.m., Illinois Room Student Center, admission for members \$2 and all others \$3, Argus 457-6640.

WEATHER



TODAY:

Sunny
High: 86
Low: 53

POLICE BLOTTER

UNIVERSITY

- Michael E. Dunk, 19, of Carbondale was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and less than 30 grams of cannabis at 12:17 p.m. Sunday in Wright Ill. Dunk was released after posting a \$100 cash bond.
- Eva K. Pich, 19, of Carbondale was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia at 10:29 p.m. Monday in Felt Hall. Pich posted a \$100 bond and was released.
- A 24-year-old male on a bicycle and a 23-year-old female driving a car collided at Douglas drive and South Oakland Street. The bicyclist refused medical attention. No citations were issued.

CARBONDALE

- An armed robbery was reported in the 600 block of Park Street Monday. A Yellow Cab taxi was summoned to an address in the 600 block of Park Street to take a rider to Wal-Mart. Upon arrival at the scene, the taxi was approached by two males who pointed handguns at the victim and took his money and his two-way radio. The victim was not injured, and police are continuing to investigate.

ALMANAC

THIS DAY IN 1990:

- A bill sponsored by Rep. Glenn Poshard designating parts of the Shawnee National Forest as a wilderness area was approved by a House subcommittee.

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Problem-based learning not a problem



MINBOOK PARK - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Mary Wright (right), an undecided freshman from Rockford, takes note during a problem-based learning meeting at the Whitney House Tuesday afternoon. The problem-based learning program strives to uncover potential solutions to problems that have been assigned.

Students agree that there are alternatives to basic core curriculum classes

ANDREA PARKER
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Sitting with his five classmates and instructor, all eating carnal apple suckers, Matt Kren is reading, discussing and sharing new ideas, which is now his learning lifestyle.

Kren's new problem-based learning program is an alternative to the basic Core Curriculum

classes. Students, selected from 30 freshmen, were put in groups and assigned questions, problems and projects to resolve by together doing research using real world techniques.

This problem-based learning program counts for 15 credit hours a semester and lasts until students' core curriculum requirements are complete.

Kren, a freshman from Joliet, is in his fourth

week and is elated he joined the program.

"This is more hands-on," Kren said. "And you won't forget the stuff you learned once the assignment is over like you would if you were in a classroom."

But, Kren would not have been a part of

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Library Affairs works to fill vacancies

Three positions filled with six more openings to go

ANDREA DONALDSON
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Morris Library has begun advertising six new positions, which they plan to fill by Jan. 2, 2001, said interim Dean of Library Affairs Jim Fox.

When Fox was appointed interim dean July 1, he was faced with about 11 open faculty positions and four open civil service positions. Since July, the library has already hired three librarians and is close to hiring a fourth.

In addition to filling these old positions, Fox has created six new positions within the library.

Fox said he worked with faculty and staff to see what vacancies were open and what the budget could

allow them to fill. He then wrote a staffing proposal, which included opening the six new positions. Five of the six new positions are entry level librarians and one is an assistant administrator.

He said most of the faculty and staff supported the proposal.

"That's the best we think we can do with the funding we have," Fox said.

The library has two open administrative positions, director of system services and associate dean for technical automation services, that Fox said will not be filled during his term as interim dean. Instead, Fox plans to hire six faculty.

"I can hire two beginning librarians for the cost of one senior

administrator," Fox said.

The library would have to offer an administrator at least \$70,000, whereas it can offer \$36,000 for the new librarian positions.

The responsibilities of the administrative positions have been divided between current employees. Thyra Russell, associate dean for Personnel and Budget Services, is now taking responsibility for the technical automation services position and Director of Instructional Support Services Susan Logue has taken on the duties of the director of systems services.

"I took it and simply reshuffled the deck," Fox said.

Fox said Russell and Logue have taken on extra duties, but when the librarian positions are

filled, they will have extra help.

"I think even though there are extra responsibilities with these two jobs, we are bringing in lower level positions to help with the jobs," Fox said.

Fox said the two administrative lines have not been cut, but he plans to leave them for his successor to deal with.

"I'm not going to eliminate lines just because there's not money there," Fox said.

Fox said because of cutbacks, the entire University has suffered faculty loss, but the library has capable staff to deal with the change in positions.

"I can't think of anything we want to do that we won't do because of the change," Fox said.

Putting international communication at the head of the class

New foreign language class encourages cross-cultural communication

CODELL RODRIGUEZ
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Christa Rundle plans to go to France some day.

Rundle, a senior in foreign language and international trade and management from Mattoon, does not want to go for the sole purpose of a vacation. She plans to receive an internship and put her studies to good use.

To prepare for the internship, Rundle is taking a class that will teach her about other cultures and show her what Americans are like from an international student's perspective. She will be studying from a book and from an actual international student.

"I thought I could probably use this interna-

tional internship program to piggy-back with my major," said Rundle, indicating it was a good supplement.

Foreign Language 202: Cross Cultural Orientation, began this semester when SIUC received federal funds to create the International Internship Program. The program's objective is to prepare students with any major to go on an international internship.

"It's really a novel idea for a lot of students who wouldn't even think about going to a foreign country," said Brooke Thibeault, program assistant for foreign language and international trade.

Thibeault directed the process of organizing the class. She requested the class in fall 1998, but received the grant in August 1999. However,

because of work to organize the class, it had to wait until this fall to begin.

When students take FL 202, they will be learning from a book called "American Ways," which is usually used to teach international students about how

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NEWS IN BRIEF

CARBONDALE

Classes in Neckers called off because of smoke

An overheated electrical coil ended morning classes a little early Monday in Neckers Building.

The coil, part of a relay in the elevator system, overheated for an undetermined reason and singed some adjacent insulation. The resulting smoke set off smoke detectors and the fire alarm, bringing classes to an abrupt end at 10:14 a.m.

No one was injured, and the affected elevator was back in service in about 15 minutes.

Brad Dillard, the assistant director of the Physical Plant, said the relay was a \$10 part, one of thousands in the elevator systems.

"Failure is not uncommon, this one just happened to be surrounded by insulation," Dillard said.

SIUC Police Lt. Todd Sigler said that while there was smoke associated with this incident, there was no actual fire.

Marion St. construction

A portion of Marion Street will be closed from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. today because of sewer construction. The construction will take place from Oak Street to Green Street.

For questions concerning street closures, call City Engineer Larry Miles at 549-5302, ext. 270.

USG meeting tonight

Undergraduate Student Government will have its second meeting of the semester in the Renaissance Room of the Student Center at 7 p.m. tonight.

Items on the agenda include plans to aid in registering student voters and naming officers to the Internal Affairs and Finance committees. For more information, contact USG President Bill Archer at 536-3381.

Registration for home run derby begins today

Registration for an intramural sports home run derby begins today and will continue until Sept. 19 at the Recreation Center Information Center.

The home run derby will start at 4 p.m. Sept. 19 at the softball field on Grand Avenue. Participants can also register at the field on the day of the tournament.

For more information, call 453-1773.

SARATOGA COUNTY, NEW YORK

Skidmore student sentenced to 3 years to life for selling cocaine

(U-Wire) - Even on the posh upstate New York campus of Skidmore College a student may seem a bit suspicious tooling around in a Lexus LS400. Even more suspicious when he's delivering \$2,150 in cocaine to undercover police officers.

Saratoga County Judge Jerry J. Scarnano sentenced Gardner G. Cummings to three years to life Monday, Sept. 11, after he pled guilty in June to a criminal sale of a controlled substance in the second degree, a felony charge.

A police investigation discovered that Cummings had sold large quantities of cocaine to Skidmore students over a several month period, said Saratoga County District Attorney James Murphy.

Through two anonymous informants, undercover New York State Police propositioned Cummings, an undeclared junior at the private college, and arrested him after he made two separate cocaine sales. On April 2, Cummings delivered \$750 in cocaine, and on April 19, Cummings sold \$1,400 in cocaine to the undercover officers.

"Drug dealing apparently was an attractive lifestyle for this young man, but now he will be held accountable," said District Attorney James Murphy.

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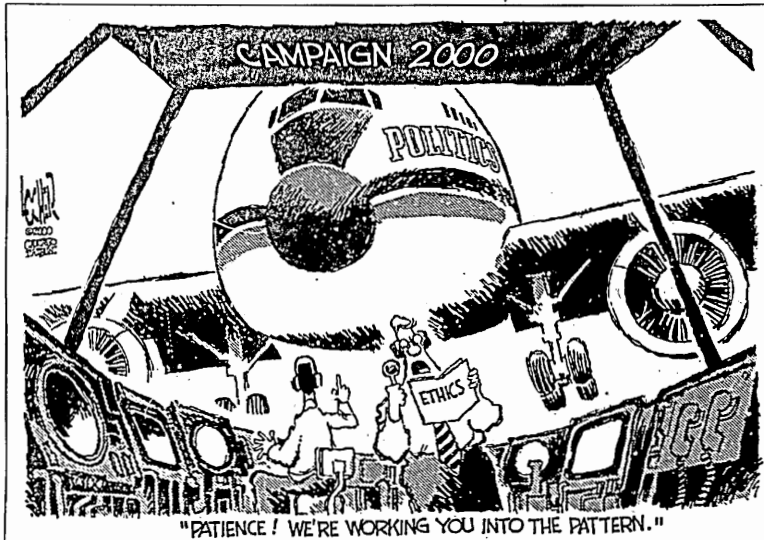
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OUR WORD

Big changes now can lead to big problems later

The house hasn't even been completed yet, but talks of renovations are already in the works. At their meeting last week, the Graduate Council yet again brought up a resolution that has been under discussion for some time now — a potential split of the associate vice chancellor for Academic Affairs and dean of the Graduate School position into two distinct positions.

This split, which is being billed as a means to improve the direction of research at SIUC, would create a vice chancellor for Research and an independent dean of the Graduate School. The change to vice chancellor for Research would move the position up the administrative hierarchy and allow for more powerful voice in research matters. It is a worthy plan, and one that could benefit the University and its research elements as a whole, but the timing appears to be a little off.

While SIUC's administration has blossomed during the last year by filling several major positions, remnants of the interim era still remain. With both the chancellor position and a vice chancellor position still unoccupied, this is a bad time to shake up the administration.

If the position was created now, the new permanent chancellor, who will likely be found and hired in the next year, would have to oversee the new vice chancellor for Research. The University would then have an administrative position that is not fully

understood or even developed answering to a chancellor who may be entirely new to SIUC. In addition, others are wondering if the vice chancellor for Research position would truly find an administrative niche. Interim Chancellor John Jackson, one opposer of the plan, has repeatedly stated that the new position would probably collide in funding matters with the already-existing provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs and Research office. Plus, as Jackson has also pointed out, moving the position up in the administrative hierarchy could cost the University a tab that's a little too expensive for SIUC at this time.

However inopportune the proposal is right now, it should not be permanently discarded. After all, our University's mission is research, and anything that can be done to further that mission should be examined. The vice chancellor for Research position, which is very common in research institutions, carries the potential for increased funding and better-directed research. But to take action on such a proposal now would not provide the office with a fair opportunity to succeed.

It's just a short period of time now until James Walker takes over the SIU presidency, and naming a permanent chancellor is on the top of his "to-do list." Things will steadily improve, but for the time being, the Graduate Council will have to be patient. They have a good vision, but no house was ever renovated without a complete structure first.

Creating a vice chancellor for Research position is an idea that could eventually make SIUC a better university. Now, however, is not that time.



Thinking Gooder

SEAN HANNIGAN

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teacher: a tear stained Bambi weeping in the back-ground.

Something in my jeans has given me paws. Seams all my life I've had this problem with homophones, words that sound the same, but which are spelled differently.

Last week, I meant to right "catle chute" and, instead, mechanically rote "cattle shoot." Rest assured, when I do this, I claim it. I'm normally pretty anal about this stuff, but sometimes I air.

But I'm not so easily sued that their's such a big difference. I'd cotton that, from the cow's eye-view, the difference between the chute and the shoot is only a matter of time.

(This does knot mean I'm knot considering using the editors of the DE for knot doing a better job proofreading. I don't care if there students. I don't care who's their. And I'm knot, knot joking. I've axed and I've axed, and I get no bloody response.)

But allow me to lift my tail to your ears so that I might air it. It's true, I've torn my hare out with all the various forms of there, you're, two, phat and bald. But at the same thyme, seasonings has taught me that I like these accidental word exchanges, weather it's a

ewe for a you, or an eye for an I, aye, captain. They help me sea the world.

Who nose? Maybe, the Catholics and the Protestants are right and it all just comes down two sects. When I was a boy, one of my father's favorite euphemisms was balled. I'll never forget how confused I felt when I heard my algebra teacher admit that he had bawled his eyes out when Bambi's mother died. His eyes out. Bambi's mother. It is an image that still haunts me.

Too this day, if someone, man or woman, tells me that they balled their eyes out, I immediately imagine them in bed with Mr. Lamp, my algebra

A homophone broke my heart.

Once up on a time, there was this girl, the raining spelling champion from our county. She was pretty, and to think of it now, it's funny to remember that you could always be, even in fourth grade, falling in love.

MAILBOX

Ruger's comments unfair and unfounded

DEAR EDITOR:

In the article, "University lawyer escapes \$96,000 defamation lawsuit," that appeared Monday, regarding the dismissal of my defamation case against Peter Ruger, Mr. Ruger stated that all he was trying to do was bring some "civility" to SIUC and that my case was totally without merit. In comments to the Southern Illinoisian, Mr. Ruger had clearly implied that I am unable to sit down and discuss grievances with colleagues and feel compelled to run to the courthouse, thereby doing harm to SIUC.

Mr. Ruger attacked my professional integrity by personalizing his comments. Yet Mr. Ruger never contacted my lawyer or me before making his comments. In my civil complaint against the Tracys for the forgery of my signature, I state that I did ask Dr. M-rin Tracy about the mysterious appearance of my signature on a grant application that I knew nothing about. Dr. Tracy denied signing my signature and would not discuss the matter further. After getting nowhere with Dr. Tra-y, I then followed the SIUC handbook to the letter for complaints regarding research misconduct. Under handbook guidelines, SIUC itself has the responsibility to follow up on complaints of research misconduct.

Unfortunately, the University left it up to me to make a decision about pursuing the complaint, knowing that I did not have the tenure and was afraid of retaliation.

Having taken the above steps to resolve my complaint, I question why Mr. Ruger would attack me for a lack of civility. After all, I did try to resolve my complaint through SIUC procedures. But most importantly, I was not the one who allegedly forged a signature on a grant application.

Elizabeth Reichert
assistant professor in social work

Reader laments Saturday's football game

DEAR EDITOR:

34-33? REALLY!!! No wonder the chancellor and the athletic director canceled "free" football game tickets to the university campus! They certainly did not want us old codgers being shamed (while sitting in the rain) by those young whippersnappers who don't know that winning demands perseverance!!

Emil Spees
professor emeritus, educational administration and higher education

OVERHEARD

A lot of times, the party giver calls the police department because they want to get people out of there. They get a little nervous when all of the sudden 300 people are on their front porch.

DON ELLIOTT
community resource officer for the Carbondale Police Department, on what sometimes brings police to the party.

Sew chute me — my mined just can't get homophones

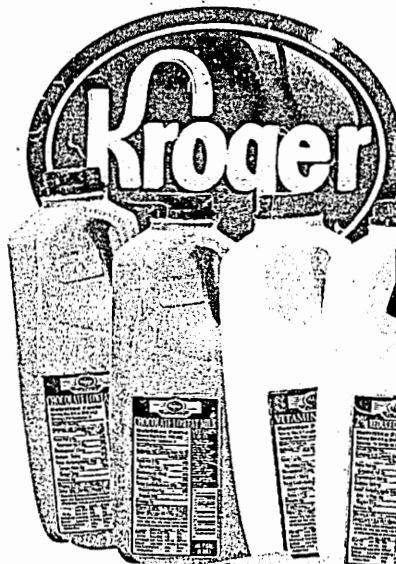
That day, as I lined up with the other contestants along the wall of the radio station for that fateful Spelling Bee, she sat across from us weighting, a light smile upon her lips, to award the winner the prize: the Golden Bee. And I knew that the only chance I'd get to meat her would be if I one that Spelling Bee. I didn't care about the Golden Bee, its gold stinger, or even the next round. I just wanted her to be looking right at me. She was my hero.

I lost. Fairly early. Maybe my second word. The word flour. They used it in a sentence. "The baker bakes with flour." When I spelled my word — the word flower — I didn't imagine that the baker used flowers in his pies or had a giant flower for an assistant. But I did not.

I can't even tell you what that little girl looked like, but I see hymn singing the kitchen in his white baker's outfit, poofy white hat, and there's flowers in the braid, and in the pans, hold up and overflowing.

Some say this is just the type of confusion we need to illuminate.

But I swear by every humorous bone in my arm, and by the deer doe and the dough a dear, that I'll not abide those so concerned with applying their syntax, that they mist the write frays and refuse to peek over edge to wonder at the whole in the hole, and the hole in the whole.



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JESSE DRURY - DAILY EGYPTIAN

HOT! Randy Schaffer, an outdoor recreation major from St. Louis, works on a blown glass vase to give to his friend as a wedding gift. Students refine their glass blowing skills inside the corridor between Wham Education Building and Pulliam Hall.

Ag research receives high praise

RYAN TROST
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A stellar report by an external review team gave the Illinois Farm and Rural Revitalization Method project an 8 percent increase for its 2001 budget, bringing total funding to \$975,000.

Raymond Lenzi, director of the Strategic Research Initiative called I-FARRM, one of six initiatives in the country, said the report from the Illinois Council on Food and Agriculture Research was rewarding because it highlighted the impact I-FARRM is having on Illinois communities just two years into the program.

The report cited a high level of performance both in terms of activities and overall economic impact, and a "seamless enterprise in which applied research and outreach are well balanced and integrated."

The council's mission is "to fund relevant and high quality research and related outreach programs that lead to profitable agricultural systems in Illinois," and the review team found that I-FARRM was following that mission throughout the program.

I-FARRM, which is starting its third year this fall, is a joint effort of SIUC, the University of Illinois and Western Illinois University. It has four components, each offering a different focus while maintaining a common goal.

Information technology, water quality, sustainable use of natural resources, marketing of Illinois agricultural products and rural community development are the strategic areas that are addressed by the four components of I-FARRM. The four parts are Rural Development Opportunities, the VALUE project, Rural Enterprise and Alternative Agriculture Development and the Rural Community Development Toolbox.

Rural Development Opportunities launched a strong cutting edge research program in rural development, relying heavily on graduate students to produce a large volume of

innovative research.

The development project takes concerns of working groups in rural communities and uses the information to solve real life problems facing community members through research to quantify rural development opportunities, said program co-principal investigator, Andrew Carver.

The VALUE project seeks to determine how farmers can organize to undertake value-added marketing arrangements, and the use of specialty farm products to increase production and do less harm to the environment.

Rural Enterprise and Alternative Agriculture Development's mission is to expand income and job opportunities in rural alternative agricultural enterprises. The first year of the READI project showed immediate results of 23 jobs created, sales increases of \$1.2 million and \$600,000 in capital investment in Illinois.

The Rural Community Development Toolbox provides web-based interactive assistance for rural economic development. The site offers information on demographics, retail sales, agriculture income and employment and income analysis.

I-FARRM represents a strategic research initiative by Illinois Council on Food and Agriculture Research with working groups consisting of laypeople, farmers, consumers and environmental advocates.

"It's a first in Illinois agricultural research initiatives at the state level, and they identify five strategic areas where they believe that additional resources should be targeted for solving some of Illinois' agricultural issues," said Rural Development Opportunity co-principal investigator Roger Beck.

Collectively the four groups have begun a far-reaching initiative that, according to the Strategic Research Initiative's mission, "will promote the economic development and management of agricultural and food systems in the rural and urban communities of Illinois."

Students and faculty benefit from development project

Agriculture students get hands-on experience in research program

RYAN TROST
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Andrew Carver and Roger Beck are delighted with the hands-on experience they get doing research for the Rural Development Opportunities project.

The development project examines current and projected trends in Illinois agriculture, agribusinesses and rural communities that have constraints for rural community development. It also validates the benefits of agriculture and family farms in rural development and the entire economy.

Carver, assistant professor in the department of forestry, and Beck, a professor of agribusiness economics, co-coordinate the Rural Development Opportunities project, which is one of four components of the Illinois Farm and Rural Revitalization Method project or I-FARRM.

I-FARRM collectively received an increase in funding because of the highly effective studies being performed by the research project according to an external review team.

The independent review by researchers from the University of Missouri, University of Nebraska, Purdue University and the U.S. Department of Agriculture found that one of the strongest components of the development project was its ability to incorporate students in its research.

Eight graduate students currently assist the research team through independent studies usually in connection with thesis and dissertation projects.

"One of the most enjoyable aspects of this project is working with the graduate students and undergraduate workers," Carver said.

Incorporating graduate students in development research will not only train students in research techniques, but also give them long term benefits they can use throughout their careers, Beck said.

"The graduate students who have worked on the project and have entered the job market have done very well finding jobs in their field," Carver said.

Joshua Buchheit, a doctoral student in environmental

resources and policy from Elgin, worked on the development project during his master's program, and identified a growth corridor in Illinois going from Chicago to St. Louis, using state of the art Global Information Systems technology. The corridor represents an increase in new business and population which follows I-55 across the state.

Buchheit also identified an overall decline in Illinois performance in agribusiness as compared to the national average, as well as a decrease in agricultural employment in Illinois.

The Forestry Geospatial and Economic Analysis Laboratory which is funded entirely by external research grants, is used to utilize Geographic Information System technology which offers spatial interpretation of data allowing for a more comprehensive look at community development.

Economic models are constructed using a program called Impact Analysis for Planning software, which can quantify the impact of rural businesses and agricultural production to the economy.

"The GIS research made Dr. Beck pretty optimistic about what the future will hold, because now that he sees that work on the GIS can be done he is sending more people down our way," Buchheit said.

"Even though I incorporated the GIS in my thesis there are a lot more applications out there," he said.

The program has been approved for five years, but is funded on a year-to-year basis, so Beck and Carver were particularly pleased that the program received such a positive report.

The increase brings the total amount of funding for the first three years of the development program to \$890,926. This year, the funding increased by \$20,000, to \$310,000.

Beck said when he was hired 18 years ago his job description was to provide leadership in economic development, with special emphasis on the Southern Illinois region.

"With this RDO project I feel like I'm finally able to actually do what I felt I was hired to do 18 years ago," Beck said. "I feel personally good about that aspect of the project."

Whiz Kid enters Stanford graduate program at age 15

ANNE ROCHELLE KONIGSMARK
KNIGHT-RIDER NEWSPAPERS

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Kids going away to college for the first time often take something precious from home.

Steve Lu is bringing his mom.

But his graduate school classmates at Stanford probably will notice something else unusual about him.

Like, that he's 15 years old.

As one of the youngest kids ever to enter a graduate program, Steve couldn't have expected to move alone from his family's home in Torrance, Calif. So his mom, Nancy Lu, arranged for the two of them to live in an apartment in Escondido Village, a graduate housing complex. They move in Sept. 25. Steve will be studying for a master's degree in

computer science.

"It's okay, I guess," Steve said of his roomie. With his mom standing nearby, he quickly added, "No, it's great that she's coming."

There are some advantages to having a parent on-site. The laundry will get done, and he won't have to eat cereal for dinner every night. But what about the keg parties? What about girls?

College vices aren't really a temptation for Steve, who can't drive and only dreams of dating, but has a double degree in math and computer science from Cal State Dominguez Hills. Summa cum laude. With a minor in physics.

At 10, he was the youngest person ever to enroll in the Cal State system, and he's one of the youngest graduate students ever at Stanford.

"To me, I am normal," Steve says in a written profile. "I am mature and dedicated to my education."

Steve seemed above average as a baby, Nancy said, but she really took notice when at 5, he scored 194 on an IQ test.

"That's off the charts somewhere," said Peter Rosenzweig, executive director of the National Association for Gifted Children. Although there are no national statistics on how many children begin college before they hit puberty, Rosenzweig said the numbers are probably in "the dozens."

Nancy Lu said Steve is mature enough to go it alone. But she's not.

"He's ready to be by himself," she said. "It's harder for me to leave him there. But I think next year, he'll kick me out."

Steve's dad, Simon, will stay home in Torrance with Steve's sister, Mary.

Mary, by the way, is starting Harbor Community College this fall, and is a nationally ranked gymnast. She's 12.

What is Nancy feeding these kids?

"Pizza," she said.

Steve chose Stanford because he loved the trees on campus, and he wanted to be near Silicon Valley. He plans to study artificial intelligence.

"Robots are fun to build, but I'm going to be concentrating on logic and autonomy," Steve said. Autonomy is the concept of software or computers that think for themselves.

One day, he hopes to give something back to society by becoming a math professor.

But that's after he makes his first billion in Silicon Valley on a big idea, he said. He couldn't name his hero, but said it would be "one of

Gore expects three prime time TV debates with Bush

Presidential race is locked tight and deciding factors are yet to be seen

NAFTALI BENDAVI
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Vice President Al Gore said Sunday he expects his campaign to work out a plan for three prime-time debates with Texas Gov. George W. Bush, despite friction between the two camps over the issue.

"I think that it's clearly in the public interest to have three 90-minute prime time debates sponsored by the bipartisan commission," Gore said in an interview with the Tribune aboard Air Force Two flying into Chicago. "If (Bush) is ready to accept the commission's basic recommendation, I'm certain that all the disagreements over the minor details can be worked out."

Gore declined to be specific about details. "I'm going to let Bill Daley handle it," Gore said, referring to former Commerce Secretary William Daley, his campaign chairman, brother of Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley and the Gore team's representative in discussions with Bush aides and the Commission on Presidential Debates.

That commission, headed by former chairmen of the Democratic and Republican Parties, has proposed three prime-time debates, as well as one between the vice presidential candidates.

Bush balked at that proposal and suggested that he and Gore appear in less confrontational settings. Late last week, however, he appeared to relent. Representatives of both campaigns are now expected to meet Thursday with the commission to begin hammering out final plans.

Gore, who spoke cautiously during the interview, with Oprah Winfrey earlier this week, declined to say whether he

was worried about low expectations for Bush in the debates. Because Gore is considered a top-notch debater, some Democrats say that if Bush merely holds his own it will be considered a victory for the Republican.

"I'm not very good at the expectations game," Gore said, and then proceeded to raise expectations for Bush.

"I do think he's an excellent debater," he said. "He beat John McCain in the showdown debate in the Republican contest. He apparently did extremely well against Ann Richards and against Gary Mauro," referring to Bush's opponents in his Texas gubernatorial races.

During this campaign swing, Gore plans to focus on education and cultural values. A federal report on children and movie violence is due out this week, and Gore's running mate, Sen. Joseph Lieberman (D-Conn.), is scheduled to testify on the subject Wednesday before the Senate Commerce Committee.

"I'll be talking about the need for reform, the need for new resources along with the new ideas," Gore said. "I'll be talking about the need to give parents a hand in their efforts to give the right values to their kids."

The dynamics of the presidential campaign have changed dramatically in recent weeks. After the primaries ended, it seemed Bush could do no wrong while the Gore campaign appeared to flounder. Now the situation is reversed.

Gore's choice of Lieberman a month ago was widely applauded, and was followed by a smoothly run Democratic convention and a successful boat ride down the Mississippi River. Since then, Gore has seemed far more relaxed.

In contrast, the Bush campaign has stumbled. Republicans produced an anti-Gore ad but then pulled it back. Meanwhile, Bush's running mate, Dick Cheney, gave up lucrative stock options in his former company, Halliburton, after allegations

they would have created a conflict of interest. Though none of the flubs has been crippling, they came at a critical time in the race as voters began to focus on the candidates.

Gore said in the interview that he typically has gained momentum in the later stages of a race.

"I always do better in the last few weeks of a campaign," he said. "I need a long runway to get airborne. I think it's because I'm not a natural politician. But once I get airborne, so to speak, I really enjoy it a lot, and my enthusiasm for it shows, and I can hardly wait for the next day to start."

Bush has said he will begin campaigning more informally, holding town hall meetings and speaking directly to voters — something Gore has been doing. Asked about that, Gore smiled but declined to comment.

"You're witnessing self-discipline, to your disadvantage," he said.

Even with Bush's recent misfortunes, most polls show Gore and Bush locked in the closest presidential contest in decades.

The tiff over debates unfolded against this backdrop. The Commission on Presidential Debates — headed by the former Democratic Chairman Paul Kirk and former Republican Chairman Frank Fahrenkopf — at first proposed Gore and Bush face off Oct. 3, Oct. 11 and Oct. 17.

Bush rejected the commission's schedule, saying he wanted to consider alternate formats. He proposed debating Gore on NBC's "Meet the Press" and CNN's "Larry King Live."

Some Republicans feared Bush's strategy made it appear that he was afraid to debate Gore. Yet Gore said Sunday that appearing on the NBC and CNN programs is still a possibility.

"After we do the commission debates, I'll entertain all of the other invitations that have been laid down," he said.

Vermont newspaper cites Open Meetings Law in battle over student records, argument headed to court

Vermont press claims to have access rights to records and hearings

BILLY O'KEEFE
TMS CAMPUS

A Vermont newspaper is claiming that, through the state's Open Meeting Law, the public has a right to access records and hearings regarding the discipline of students in the Vermont State Colleges system.

The state college system, however, disagrees, citing a federal law protecting the privacy of student education records.

Now, with the Caledonian-Record, St. Johnsbury's daily paper, filing suit against the state college system, the argument is headed to court.

Stemming from a February case involving underage drinking among students at Lyndon State College in Lyndonville,

Vt., the argument-turned-suit now falls into the hands of Judge Matthew Katz and the Washington County Superior Court.

According to the Caledonian-Record, the state college system refused to supply the paper with records regarding the discipline of more than a dozen Lyndon students for their actions, despite the fact that the measures of discipline were carried out in court.

According to the U.S. Department of Education's Family Policy Compliance Office, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act provides students (or in the case of students younger than 18 years of age, their parents) with certain rights to privacy in regards to their educational records.

Still, such "directory" information as a student's name, address and date of birth can be made available without prior consent.

The Vermont Office of the Secretary of State asserts that the state's Open Meeting Laws apply when "a state or local board or commission in Vermont meets when a quorum

(majority) of its members comes together to discuss public business."

Despite the Caledonian-Record's argument that the discipline of the Lyndon students took place in such a venue, the state college system has granted only the verdicts and sanctions of the case and not the names of the students to the paper.

Philip White, who is representing the Caledonian-Record, told the Burlington Free Press that people have a right to know the who, what, where and when of criminal acts on campus.

White said that public exposure is the best way to prevent incidents from resurfacing, adding that recent reform in the University of Vermont's anti-hazing policy came because an incident involving acts of torment against a former hockey player made national headlines.

Judge Katz will now decide how best to seek a resolution in the matter. A trial, originally scheduled to begin last week, is still a strong possibility, but Katz might opt for an arbitrary hearing instead.

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those billionaire dot-com people." Steve spends his free time in tame pursuits like computer programming and working out at the gym, so Nancy probably won't have to do much chaperoning.

Asked if he dates, Steve said, "Oh boy, I wish! But those people over at Stanford, they're much older than me. Maybe a freshman."

He said he hopes to meet Chelsea Clinton, the president's daughter, who is taking time off this fall but is scheduled to return to campus next year.

Nancy believes she and Simon, who are both from Taiwan, were gifted children. But at the time, Taiwan had no accelerated programs for gifted kids. Both parents have held jobs in the computer

industry; Simon is CIO of a construction company. Nancy spends most of her time shuttling her Wunderkinds to class and gymnastics practices, but she has written three self-published books on raising gifted children. She plans to work on a fourth book while in Palo Alto.

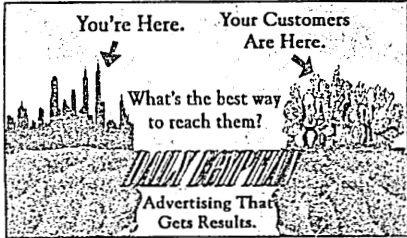
"Steve will be chaperoning me," she said. "He already told me I wasn't allowed to go out and socialize."

The federal government estimates that 3 million kids, or 5 percent of students, are in some way gifted.

"But Steve is on the far-out end of these kids," Rosenstein said.

So just what was Stanford's new president, John Hennessy, who is a computer scientist, doing at age 15?

"I was working on building my first computer," he said. "It was a tic-tac-toe game, made entirely of surplus relays."



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Oregon, Michigan leaders of the pack in university student activism

BILLY O'KEEFE
TMS CAMPUS

In its annual roundup of student activism, Mother Jones magazine gave the University of Oregon top honors as the best student activist campus in the country during a very competitive 1999-2000 school year. The University of Michigan, Florida A&M University, the University of Washington and the National Autonomous University of Mexico rounded out the top five in what writer Keith Meatto calls a record-breaking year of student activism.

Now in its seventh year, the roundup is the result of a survey of some 20 activist organizations, including Planned Parenthood, Habitat for Humanity, the American Civil Liberties Union and People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

Oregon's second first-place designation stems from its decision in April to join the Workers Rights Consortium, a newly-developed, non-profit network of more than 50

schools dedicated to curbing sweatshops and other poor working conditions around the country.

The decision irked Nike CEO and Oregon alum Phil Knight, who promptly withdrew a \$30 million donation to his former school's athletic program and cut ties with the university. Nike is a founding member of the Fair Labor Association, which opponents, according to Matteo, liken to a "fox guarding the hen house." Additionally, the athletic apparel company has been named in numerous instances involving worker abuse. Former factory worker Roselio Reyes visited the school in May to share stories of 13-hour shifts and \$20 weekly wages, according to the Oregon Daily Emerald.

The decision to join the WRC garnered mixed feelings on campus, and a member of the school's board of trustees resigned after Knight announced the \$30 million fallout. Still, the university community stuck by its guns and today remains a member of the WRC.

The University of Michigan, in

finishing second in the roundup, had a similar plight; after the school joined the WRC, Nike pulled a six-year, \$22 million licensing contract.

Meatto writes that 46 percent of college freshmen participated in public protests in the past year, and adds that since UCLA's Higher Education Research Institute began monitoring student activism more than 30 years ago, the number has never been higher.

Rounding out the magazine's top 10 this year are Ohio State University, Wesleyan University, the University of California at Berkeley, Columbia University and State University of New York in Albany. Launched in 1976 by the Foundation for Natural Progress and named after the late labor organizer Mary Harris Jones, Mother Jones is a bimonthly, general interest magazine covering everything for minority affairs to the environment. The magazine honored Oregon in its maiden 1994 roundup, citing the student body's role in environmental preservation and helping register fellow students to vote.



LEARNING

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SIUC's first Core Curriculum problem-based learning program if his mother had not read the letter that was sent to him.

Gus Bode



Gus says:
Maybe they can figure out how the Salukis can hold a lead.

"I thought it was some special [education] program, so I just laid it aside," Kren said.

Kren gets the unique opportunity to work in a small group of six members, meet daily to discuss ideas about the problems they have been assigned, do research and learn to work with other students.

The chosen students for the program will not have to go through the routine of entering a traditional classroom lecture with more than 200 students, spend \$300 on books or cram for an exam.

Kren said he and his classmates learn just as much as they would if they were in a big lecture.

In one of the projects of the semester the students were asked to choose a question they wanted to explore.

Kren's group chose, "What is a college experience?"

The group decided they would get ideas by entwining their views with other students. After

they had broken down research and interviews, they gave their presentation using Powerpoint.

"Doing the project I learned the college experience is more about personal growth and development than actual education," Kren said.

James Allen, director of Core Curriculum and instructor for Kren's group, said the program seems successful because of the students. He said the students are taking responsibility for their own learning.

"This is just like a job and we're bringing the real world to the students," Allen said.

The program started in the SIU School of Medicine, moved into the physician assistant program and now has landed in Core Curriculum, giving freshmen a different option of study.

SIUC is one of the few schools that have such a program along with Samford University in Birmingham, Ala., and the University of Delaware.

Heather Purichia, coordinator of the problem-based program, said the students are creative and extraordinary. She said she has received positive feedback about the program.

"Some students are complaining about their [resident halls] and being away from home, but not about problem-based learning," Purichia said. "One student even wants to start a [problem-based learning] registered student organization."

She said she hopes more students and professors will get involved in the program next semester so it can be open to as many students who want to take it.

The students will be accredited with taking credit hours in classes including, Philosophy 102, English 101, Speech 101, Art and Design 102 and Physiology 201.

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interact with Americans. However, in this class it serves a totally different purpose.

"We're learning who we are as Americans in order to better understand how other people are different," Thibeault said.

Another way the students will learn is by interacting with and discussing the book with an international partner. International students taking the class will have the option of choosing an American student as his or her partner.

Finding a partner is a homework assignment students are required to complete. They will meet with their international partner once a week and write a journal entry about what they learned from their interactions and what they are learning from the "American Ways" book.

Thibeault offered the International Coffee Hour as a way to meet up with their partners. The Coffee Hour, which is sponsored by the

International Friends Club, started last Friday at the InterFaith Center.

Karen Shayman, a junior in foreign language and international trade from Santa Cruz, Bolivia, will start meeting her partner from France at the Coffee Hour.

Shayman took the class because she plans to take an internship in France next semester and because it focuses on cultural differences.

"I know about the culture shock," Shayman said. "Now with this class, I get to understand why they happen and how to work hard so we don't get as much culture shock."

To learn about different cultures, the class will use teachers from different international based classes to teach the students. The teachers will cover China, France, Germany, Japan, Russia, Spain and Latin America.

With the quantity of teachers and the different teaching methods used, Rundle walks away from class every night with a satisfied feeling.

"It's been a really good class," Rundle said. "It's been a little bit of work but it's been very enlightening and informative."

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admissions coordinators. The positions have been filled within the last 10 days, and each will be assigned a geographic territory in the area to focus on, recruiting students from that section.

The University has also created a new application fee of \$30, enacted Oct. 1, which will help fund new publications about the University. Dietz explained these publications will include everything from basic information to what students' degrees mean once they graduate.

Noel-Levitz is working on leveraging financial aid to put together better scholarship packages for students. Dietz said examining students who enroll at SIUC after receiving certain scholarships will provide useful information when offering financial aid in the future.

Another goal of Student Affairs involves shaping the demographics. For example, about 55 percent of SIUC students are men and 45 percent are women. This longstanding trend may be caused by curriculum, but Dietz's theory lies with

finances.

"We need to study this more to find out the real reasons," he said. "My sense may be that there's a difference in financial support with female students."

Students were able to pay their first bill with a credit card this year, which Jackson said seemed to help reduce some of the usual early losses. Spring follow-up calls to interested SIUC applicants also helped recruitment, according to Jackson.

Transfer student numbers are up to 26 people, and international students have increased to 69. Graduate students are up to 181, while undergraduates have dropped to 65.

Jackson said he was disappointed by the decrease in undergraduate students, but pleased with the overall enrollment increase for the fourth consecutive year.

"We did well," he said. "We need to do a bit better, but we've been steady and slightly up so that's good news."

Dietz said the overall numbers are an inspiring sign for the future, no matter how small the increase.

"I'm not looking for dramatic increases," Dietz said. "I'm looking for steady growth."



Ed GULICK - DAILY EGYPTIAN

WOODCUTTER: Cobden artist Rory Jaros inspects a recent shave on a hickory bark strip. Jaros shaves the bark into long thin strips that he then weaves to form the seats of his chairs. The chairs are completely crafted by Jaros and are for sale at the Associated Artists Gallery.

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Dorm construction brings students downtown

JOHN HANDLEY
DAILY EGYPTIAN

CHICAGO — Amber Holst has given up some of the typical joys of college life. She does not stroll on a grassy campus, play Frisbee on the quad or attend fall football games. But that doesn't bother her in the least.

Holst is a student at Columbia College, whose Michigan Avenue main building is set on the largest, most exciting "campus" in Illinois. You could call it "Downtown Chicago U."

With an estimated enrollment of 40,000 students in and near the Loop, downtown Chicago is a growing hot spot for education.

Holst, who comes from a suburban environment, wanted more diversity. "Some people find downtown to be a culture shock, but I feel comfortable and perfectly safe there."

Holst, who is editor of the Columbia Chronicle, the school newspaper, wants to find a job in print journalism after graduation. She thinks an urban school is more reality based. "Some students at campuses just want to have fun."

The vibrancy of the 24-hour city is one of its lures.

Chicago is a great college town," said Ken McHugh, DePaul University's vice president of operations.

Downtown Chicago is alive. It's a magnet that draws students from the metropolitan area, the region and the world," said Theodore Gross, president of Roosevelt University.

Gross attributes the increased popularity of downtown Chicago learning to the "enormous renaissance in the South Loop and to the greatest concentration of cultural attractions in the world."

The latest addition to Chicago's burgeoning boom in higher education is the new School of the Art Institute dormitory at the northwest corner of State and Randolph Streets.

It is a blend of the old and new. A 17-story structure has been seamlessly attached to the rehabbed

Butler Building, the 1924 terra cotta-clad structure at 162 N. State. Designed for 491 students, the dorm already is 90 percent occupied. Student residences run from the 5th to the 15th floors. A computer lab, study lounge, media room, gallery and studio are on the 16th, while the dramatic 17th floor is devoted to the Solarium Studios and Lounge, with views of the Loop and the lake through round, port-hole-like windows.

The building was designed by artists for artists," said Tony Jones, president of the School of the Art Institute. "We asked students, faculty and staff for their ideas, which have been incorporated into the building. We created artist lofts with big walls for their works."

The dormitory construction was completed in 14 months, though more features of the project are yet to come. The \$54 million project also will include a Borders bookstore and the new home of the Gene Siskel Film Center. Plus, a local theater company, The Noble Fool, will move into the former Old Heidelberg Building, which fronts on Randolph. The building's Bavarian-style facade will be retained and restored.

The dorms are Rolls-Royce quality," declared Jones. The 450-square-foot rooms are loaded with amenities — individual heating and air conditioning controls, private bath, track lighting, drafting tables, phone lines with voicemail and Internet connections, and a mini-kitchen with refrigerator, microwave and tovetop.

All this goes for \$700 a month for a double and \$850 for a single, plus tuition, of course. Furniture for the residences has been designed by Michael Heltzer, a former student. Though many college dorms built in previous eras may be far from deluxe, times have changed and expectations are higher.

Kids won't tolerate the plain dorms of the past," said W. Harris (Bill) Smith, principal of Smithfield Properties, the developer. "This is a big issue all over the U.S. Now colleges have to provide good housing to attract students."

Surprisingly, the Loop is the cheapest place in the greater downtown area to acquire old buildings for conversion into educational facilities, according to Smith. "Space on Washington [in the Loop] may cost \$30 to \$40 a square foot, but \$70 in River North. The West Loop also is expensive."

"High-rise construction at a busy intersection in the Loop presented its own set of problems. We had to make a lot of deliveries of materials in the middle of the night," said Smith.

Architect Laurence Booth of Booth/Hansen & Associates designed the new dorm to suggest the look of the Reliance Building, Daniel Burnham's 106-year-old landmark at State and Washington Streets.

Smith currently is rehabbing the 17-story Evans Building, dating from the 1920s, at the northwest corner of State and Monroe for the School of the Art Institute. Completion is expected in January 2001.

The next major boost to downtown student living could be the proposed "super dorm" at State Street and Congress Parkway on land that is now a South Loop parking lot.

Planned for 1,600 beds, it has the backing of Mayor Richard Daley. "It's a needed facility. It's a challenge but we're trying to work it out."

Daley, interviewed at the dedication of the new Art Institute dorm, said the super dorm "is important in the rebirth of the city."

He added that colleges and universities have "a huge economic impact and bring young people downtown to add to the spirit of the city."

The city's Department of Planning and Development is considering a proposal for the new academic center. Besides dorms, the \$200 million complex would include academic areas, stores and parking. It would be built on city-owned land. Four schools — DePaul University, Roosevelt University, Columbia College and Robert Morris College — are trying to work out the details of the plan with the city.

Sham letters irk Brown U. officials, send freshmen into tizzy

BILLY O'KEEFE
TMS CAMPUS

The sound of thousands of Brown University freshmen frantically searching for a ride home came to an abrupt halt thanks to a single word: Gotcha.

As they eagerly poured onto campus, waves of new students were greeted not with banners and fanfare but with a notice, from interim president Sheila Blumstein no less, announcing an 11 p.m. curfew for all students during the first weekend of the new school year.

Not surprisingly, it was news to the students, who had not been informed previously of the new policy.

Fortunately for the students, it was news to

the administration as well, as they never even issued it.

The post, several hundred copies of which were plastered around campus, had all the looks of a real deal, including the university seal and a forged copy of Blumstein's signature at the bottom.

"We apologize for the late and hence difficult distribution of this notice," concluded the document, which issued the curfew requirement as part of a new campus safety initiative. "The beginning of the year is a hectic time for us too!"

It wasn't long before officials seized the notices, but the university has no plans to discipline or even unearth the source of the sham letter.

U.S. medical schools remain short on minority students, new study reports

CARLA D'NAN BASS
KNIGHT-RIDDER TRIBUNE

There still aren't enough African-Americans, Hispanics or American Indians in United States medical schools, and that shortage could hurt the quality of the nation's overall medical care, according to a recent report from the Association of American Medical Colleges.

Blacks, Hispanics and Indians made up about 15 percent of medical school graduates in 1998, but they account for more than 25 percent of the U.S. population, according to an association report titled *Minority Graduates of U.S. Medical Schools: Trends, 1950-1998*.

"The stark disparity between the number of practicing minority physicians and the increasingly diverse U.S. population is becoming more acute and presents unique challenges for the future delivery of quality health care," said asso-

ciation president Dr. Jordan J. Cohen.

The number of U.S. physicians who are African-American, Hispanic or Indian is already too low -- about 6 percent -- and the low number of medical students from the three groups won't help make up the gap.

One minority group -- Asians -- is overrepresented in medicine in comparison with its percentage of the general population. In 1998, about 18 percent of doctors practicing in the United States were Asian or Asian-American while 4 percent of the population was of Asian origin. The number of Asian doctors has increased rapidly in recent decades.

In 1950, only 1 percent of U.S. doctors were Asian, according to the association report. Other findings include the following:

Most minority physicians practice in states with large minority populations such as California, Texas and New York.

Meager dorm rooms now spruced up by imagination

MOLLY GUTHREY
KNIGHT-RIDDER TRIBUNE

Like most students, when Marc Maranian was in college, he lived in a series of crummy apartments, places with warped walls, ugly vinyl flooring and tiny bathrooms.

By shopping at thrift stores and garage sales, Maranian managed to turn each place into a cool pad, with touches like beads and synthetic fur (which just so happen to be trendy again).

"I decided to embrace and accept my surroundings," said Maranian, who is the author of a new book, "Pad: The Guide to Ultra-Living." Maranian wrote "Pad" after noticing how magazines like *Metropolitan Home* disheartened his friends who lived in small quarters.

"The magazines were not very realistic for the problems facing the average, earthbound apartment dweller," he said.

So, Maranian's book aims to transform meager digs into a swanky Shangri-la. It offers inspiration for college dorm life and apartment life, giving ideas for getting past milk crates as furniture and instead, for instance, transforming a surfboard into a somewhat dramatic coffee table.

If you're planning to decorate a dorm room this fall, here are some of Maranian's ideas for small spaces:

Bead it. A beaded curtain can give the most ordinary space an illusion of interesting architecture. The least inventive way to use beads is to hang them in a doorway. Instead, bring the beads farther into the room; then try placing the curtain perpendicular to a doorway, creating a new "wall." Beaded curtains placed behind or adjacent to furniture also can create interesting arrangements and nooks within an otherwise boxy layout.

Wipeout coffee table. The wonderful thing about surfboards, Maranian said, is that the

slightest ding or crack renders them useless to a real surfer, while they remain very acceptable for someone who finds himself in need of a coffee table.

Here's how to build one: Scrape all traces of wax from the top of the board with a putty knife and, if you wish, clean the remaining residue with acetone. Flip the board over and place three Design House angled top plates (available at hardware stores) where you want the three Design House 20-inch modern, tapered wood legs to sit. Use a Popsicle stick or plastic knife to spread plastic welder adhesive on the areas traced. Position the top plates into the wet adhesive. Let dry. Finish the wood legs, if you desire, and screw into the top plates.

Besides a surfboard coffee table, Maranian's book also gives detailed how-to instructions on making storage boxes out of old LP album covers and creating a tissue cozy out of faux fur.

Desk space. If you don't like bulletin boards, try using a window screen (provides a cool metallic look). Hold everything in place with paper clips, one edge bent into a straight back end and poked through the weave of the screen. It works!

Also, consider disguising your computer desk with hula skirts and your desk chair with a patchwork of synthetic fur.

Towel racks. For hand towels in your room, try a "towel on a rope." It's simple: If you can tie a knot, you've got a towel ring. Simply hang it on a nail hidden within the center of the knot.

Plants. Plants can fill holes and round out a room quite effectively, Maranian said. Tall plants placed near windows can camouflage displeasing views and create privacy. Dress up plants in heavy ceramic pots (because even expensive plastic pots look cheap). Maranian particularly likes the Venus flytrap, which he calls "simply the coolest plant there is."

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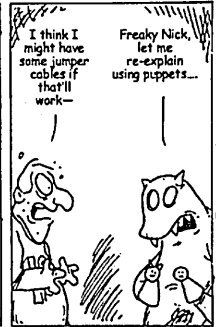
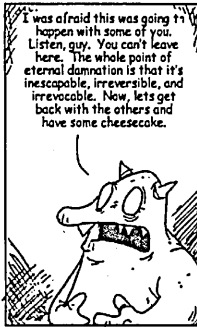


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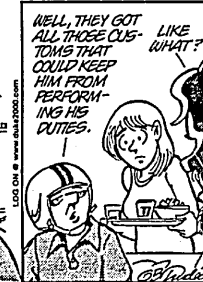
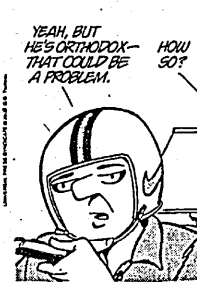
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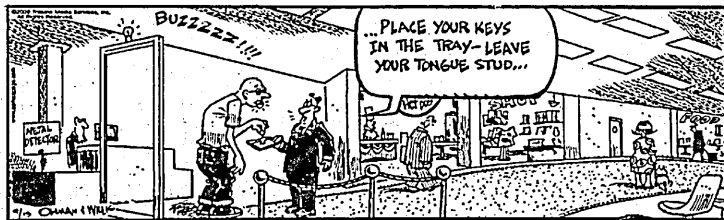
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Daily Crossword

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1 Unlikely

5 Faceted

10 Use acid for art

14 At any time

15 "Casablanca" co-star Peter

20 Business publications

23 To one side

24 Junior branch?

25 Fixed or flared?

27 Sundry singer

30 Peggy

32 There's a relative

31 Swiss instrument

33 Comprehensive

35 Squarified away

36 Full completely

39 Fictive

42 Make again

43 Whisked fruit

45 -Perth

47 Posttraumatic disorder

DOWN

1 Aids offering

2 Reluctant

3 Create again

4 Wear away

5 Urban renewal target

6 Job

7 Patient medicines

8 Listed mistakes

9 Washington of "The Hurricane"

10 Went

11 Sweetheart

12 Expurgated

13 Station of federal

21 Large-mouth pitcher

22 Little devil's cookie

67 City on the Ruhr

68 Protective ditch

69 Socially inept

70 Artists

71 Starter chips

37 Fluctuating part of a dynamo

38 Burrow maker

40 Dig. of flames

41 T. Turner's

42 Jacob's brother

45 Frog's male

48 Garden blooms

49 After all this time

51 Winter Lane

52 Usher after the interval

53 Manufacture

56 Authority to decide

58 Tense situation

60 Part of OED

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Ica Crawford and other members of the women's rugby football team push forward to gain control of the ball during last season. The women's team was not scored on in their first two games but hope to keep their winning streak on Saturday at Western Illinois.

SIU Rugby is underway

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We all know what sticks and stones can do. Add SIU Rugby to that list.

Most students are unaware that SIU has its very own men and women's rugby teams and even more unaware of the strict physical conditioning these teams undergo so they can represent SIU.

The rugby teams are a Registered Student Organization like any other club. The two squads compete against other teams around the region. Their division, the Union, is made up of other area schools, including Eastern Illinois University, Western Illinois University and Illinois State University.

These area teams then compete for the best record and hopes of making it to the playoffs, where they represent their colors in the Collegiate Midwest Championship.

Competition has already started for both the men and women's teams, when they battled competing schools Saturday in Carbondale. The men's team overcame Illinois State, but dropped its contest to the Southside Irish, an experienced men's club from Chicago. The women have gone unscored upon in their first two games, with a spread of 25-0 and 35-0 against Illinois State.

The rules of rugby may be somewhat similar to that of football, however, the differences stand out on the field.

In rugby, a touchdown is called a try and is worth only five points, with a kick conversion worth two. Field goals are the same, but the equipment requirements differ enormously. Instead of helmets, shoulder pads, knee pads and other various essentials in football, rugby has only a few requirements: a uniform and cleats, with a mouthpiece being optional. Now add 15 players for each team on the field and the mixture spells pain.

"Not really," claims women's team veteran Iseult Quirke. "People who get injured are those who don't understand the rules."

However, Quirke has endured her share of broken bones — 14 to be exact.

These teams consist mostly of athletes that have played other sports in the past and enjoy the thrill of competition. The teams employ a dedicated work ethic with practices everyday and games on the weekend, which leaves little room in between for jobs and studies.

Brian Young is the captain for the men's team and explains what they expect from players.

"We have practice everyday from 4 to 6 p.m. and try to have guys work around their schedules, but not everyone can always make it," Young said. "We do conditioning, drills and work on plays. It keeps you in shape and keeps you competitive."

"We are always looking for more players and appreciate any support that we get."

Though affiliated with SIU, the rugby teams are not part of the athletics program, so they are financed out of their own pocket. The rugby teams collect player dues and apply for matching funds from SIU. They also take part in fund-raising events like a recent car wash on Labor Day at Domino's Pizza.

Recently they have come under sponsorship from local businesses and received new jerseys from the contributions.

As far as expectations for the season, both the men and women's team hope to win their Union and represent SIU in the Midwest Championship.

The next game is Saturday as the rugby teams travel to Western Illinois University to go to war with Union foes. The biggest matchup will come on the following Saturday, Sept. 23, when they take on Eastern Illinois, continuing a bitter rivalry.

"Don't be intimidated come out and join the best club sport at SIU. Get in shape and have fun," Quirke said. "SIU means carnage."

Williams sisters have sights on No. 1

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NEW YORK — Following Serena Williams' loss to Lindsay Davenport in the quarterfinals, the oedonborn U.S. Open women's champion warned that all-Williams sisters finals in Grand Slam tournaments are inevitable. "Nobody's going to be able to stop it," Serena said.

While there was no all-Williams final at this Open, a Williams was represented. Older sister Venus powered past Davenport on Saturday night, 6-4, 7-5, to gain her first Open title.

Last year, Serena was the Open champion; this year, it's Venus. Get used to their power tennis and their winning smiles that light up stadium.

ums. They still haven't reached their peak. When they are healthy, they will be favored to reach tournament finals, and will win many.

Third-seeded Venus took out top-seeded Martina Hingis in the Open semifinals. Then it was the second-seeded Davenport's turn to be worn down by Venus.

Not only has Venus won more major tournaments (two) than any other player this year (Hingis is 0 for 2000), she has a 26-match winning streak. If she hadn't been injured earlier in the year, Venus would be acclaimed No. 1.

"I've always felt like the best player," Venus said after beating Davenport.

Well, not always. When the unseeded Venus stunned the tennis world in 1997 by marching to the

Open final, she now admits, "I didn't know what I was doing, basically."

Now, the more experienced Venus can change strategy when she gets off to a bad start. Down 4-1 against Davenport in the first set, Venus realized, "I can't feed her like this. I was just giving her the spoon, so I had to change it up."

This is easier said than done. Most top tennis players are programmed to play a certain way. When that way isn't working, they are usually vulnerable.

Not Venus. She broke Davenport back on the way to winning five consecutive games and closing out the set. The rattled Davenport, the 1998 Open champion, double-faulted for 15-40 and then double-clutched again.

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Point per turnover

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Nice crowd

A crowd of 24,682 witnessed the intrastate rivalry between Northern Illinois University and Gateway favorite Illinois State University Saturday in DeKalb, won by Northern. The crowd was 1,473 more than the 23,209 who watched Northwestern and Duke play in nearby Evanston.

Slipping in the second half

Both SIU and Northern Iowa's offenses failed to score in the second half of their games

Saturday. SIU scored two points thanks to its defense on a safety against Southeast Missouri State, while the Panthers couldn't muster any second half offense against Boise State. The two teams play Saturday at McAndrew Stadium.

Shaking the stadium

A crowd of 15,647 at Southwest Missouri State last weekend was the third largest home crowd in Plaster Field and SMS football history. Fans went home happy after the 48-3 Bears rout of Missouri Southern.

For the record

Illinois State's Jake Strader is bidding to become the first punter in school history to average more than 40 yards per punt in all four years of eligibility. After no punt attempts in the season opener, Strader punted nine times at

Northern Illinois for an average of 40.1 yards per attempt.

Catch this

Four of the league's top five receivers will be on display when SIU battles Northern Iowa Saturday at McAndrew Stadium. Northern Iowa's Eddie Berlin and Jake Soliday combine with SIU's Brian Hamlett and Mark Shasteen as four of the five leaders in receptions. Berlin leads the league with 12 catches and 180 yards through two games, while Hamlett (11 rec., 131 yards) and Shasteen (9 rec., 145 yards) are second and third, respectively.

Running away

SIU running back Tom Koutsos, the Gateway Conference Offensive Player of the Week, leads the league in rushing with 253 total

yards for an average of 126.5 yards per contest. Koutsos leads the Gateway's No. 2 rusher — Western Illinois' Charles Tharp — by 69 yards. Koutsos also leads the Gateway in scoring with four touchdowns.

Injuries affect Salukis

Defensive lineman Tavita Tovia suffered a bruised shoulder against SEMO but should be able to play this Saturday.

Wide receiver Ian Skinner has a swollen knee after a late-game fumble against SEMO. Quarless said he is "doubtful" for this week's game.

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Football Stats Leaders

Rushing	Att	Net yds	Avg	TD
Torn Koutsos	50	253	5.1	4
Sherard Poteete	20	145	7.3	0
Passing	Att	Comp	Yds	TD
Sherard Poteete	57	25	305	2
Receiving	No	Yds	Long	TD
Mark Shasteen	9	145	53	2
Brian Hamlett	11	61	24	0
Royce Coachman	13	30	15	0
Tackles	UnT	AT	Tot	Loss
Bart Scott	6	2	8	2-2
Teddy T.Sims	6	1	7	0-0

Salukis will be desperate for season's first victory Saturday against Northern Iowa

ANDY EGENSEN
DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIU football head coach Jan Quarless delivered a simple and clear message during his weekly press conference Tuesday afternoon.

A befuddled Coach Q said he hasn't seen anything he likes after the first two weeks of the season.

"We've lost two football games," he said. "I don't think you salvage much when you lose. Not much can be said. We've only really played two good quarters in a total of eight."

The Salukis have lost their first two games to Ohio Valley Conference teams, an ominous way to begin the year. SIU is scheduled to begin Gateway Conference play Saturday against the University of Northern Iowa at McAndrew Stadium.

This Saturday's game versus Northern Iowa has become imperative, with SIU having starting the season 0-2 and staring ahead at a date with Kansas University, a Division I-A opponent, who the Salukis play in two weeks.

Each Saluki defeat has come in different fashions.

In the opening loss at Murray State University, SIU committed eight turnovers before falling 42-20. Saturday, the Salukis blew a 31-point first half lead in a 34-33 heartbreaker to Southeast Missouri State.

The Salukis committed 13 penalties against SEMO, several of which were personal fouls, as SIU surrendered 137 penalty yards to SEMO.

Last season, the Salukis started 3-0 behind a potent offensive attack that has been missing so far this season. Quarless said he thinks the team is not as focused as it needs to be in the second half of games.

"I think you lose focus anytime you squan-



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SIU head coach Jan Quarless lashes out at the officials during the third quarter of last Saturday's 34-33 loss to Southeast Missouri State. The Salukis look to rebound this Saturday against Northern Iowa at McAndrew Stadium.

der a lead of that significance," Quarless said. "You have to be headstrong, and I don't think we were. You can't let something like that happen."

Quarless said his own confidence level is on shaky ground, as well as some of his players. Senior quarterback Sherard Poteete may share the same confidence shortage as his coach.

In two games, Poteete has averaged 152.5 yards per game and has thrown six interceptions. That's much less than the offensive productivity Poteete is accustomed to, after throw-

ing for 252 yards per game in 1999.

Quarless said Poteete may need to make some mental changes to get back to where he was a season ago.

"It's a sore shoulder, but I think it's more than that," Quarless said. "I think it's forgetting about the numbers of '99 and being a football player. And that's part of where the hang-up is and [Poteete] and I had a lengthy discussion about that [Monday]."

Backup quarterback Kevin Kobe took most of the practice repetitions last week, but after

Poteete told Quarless he was ready to play, Coach Q elected to start him against SEMO.

Quarless remains confident that if Kobe has to enter into game situations, he could do a credible job.

In fact, Quarless still believes in all of his players — something they probably need the most at this stage of the season.

"I think sometimes I believe more in this football team than they do themselves," Quarless said. "So they have to develop that confidence."

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